



General Election to be held November 3

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On Tuesday, November 3, United State citizens nationwide will vote in the General Election. Closer to home, Morton County Residents will be voting for various Congressional, State, State Legislative, District and County positions as well as two statewide measures.

Election day is Tuesday, November 3, 2026. An Early Voting precinct is open to all Morton County residents and will be located at the Morton Mandan Public Library. Polls at the Library will be open October 28-30 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The polls will also be open on Saturday, October 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and on Monday, November 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. There will be no voting at the Library on Election Day. Voting on Election Day will take place at various precincts across Morton County, to find your precinct visit the North Dakota Secretary of State website. Morton County polls will be

open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 3.

North Dakota does not require voter registration; however identification is required. A North Dakota Driver's License, North Dakota Non-Driver ID, Tribal ID/ Tribal Letter or Long Term Care Certificate are all accepted forms of ID. A qualified Elector must be a citizen of the United States, be 18 years or older on Election Day, be a resident of North Dakota and must have resided in their voting precinct for at least 30 days before the election. The address on your chosen form of ID must match your current residency. Supplemental information that list your current address can be used along with your valid ID if the address on your ID does not match your current address. For more election information visit mortonnd.gov/elections

Statewide Races

Statewide, North Dakota residents will be voting for their Representative in Congress. Incumbent Republican Julie Fedorchak is being challenged by Democrat

Trygve Hammer and Independents Charles Tuttle and Helene Neville.

ND residents will also be voting for many state level positions. Current Secretary of State, Republican Michael Howe is being challenged by Democrat Ryan Barunberger. Republican Doug Goehring, current Agriculture Commissioner, is being challenged by Democrat Vern Thompson. Current Attorney General, Republican Drew Wrigley is being challenged by Democrat Tim Lamb. Incumbent Republican Brian Kroschus is challenged by Democrat Mark Nelson for the position of Tax Commissioner. Republican Sheri Haugen-Hoffart and Democrat John M Pederson are vying for Public Service Commissioner. Haugen-Hoffart has been on the commission since 2022. Republican Jill Kringsstad was appointed to the Public Service Commission in 2025. Kringsstad is challenged by Democrat Scot Kelsh to finish the unexpired two-year term.

North Dakota residents will also vote for



many non-party candidates Levi Bachmeier and Tracy Layne Foss are vying for the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Bachmeier is the current Superintendent of Public Instruction and was appointed in 2025 to succeed Kirsten Baesler. Ariston E Johnson and Jerod Tufte are vying for Justice of the Supreme Court. Tufte is currently a Justice on the Supreme Court, the position is for a ten-year term. Douglas A Bahr is running unopposed for an unexpired eight-year term for a Justice of the Supreme Court. Bahr is running for reelection to serve out the remainder of the term originally held by Justice Gerald W. VandeWalle. Bahr was appointed to the position in 2023.

Morton County residents will also vote on multiple Judges of the District Court. Jackson Lofgren is running for

Strobakken for District Court No. 7, James S Hill for District Court No. 8 and Pamela Nesvig for District Court No. 10. All are running unopposed.

Statewide North Dakota residents will also vote on two Constitutional Measures.

Constitutional Measure No. 1 was placed on the ballot by action of the 2025 North Dakota Legislative Assembly with the passage of House Concurrent Resolution No. 3003 (2025 Session Laws, Chapter 614). If approved, this constitutional measure would amend and reenact section 9 of article III and section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota. The proposed amendment would require constitutional amendments submitted to the electors, by resolution adopted by the legislative assembly and by initiative petition and measure, to receive an affirmative vote of at least sixty percent of those voting on the question for enactment. The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is none. Voting "YES" means you approve the measure, voting "NO" means you reject the measure.

Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 2 was

placed on the ballot by petitions circulated by a sponsoring committee. If approved, it would add a new section to article VIII of the North Dakota Constitution. This initiated measure amendment would amend and add a new section to article VIII of the North Dakota Constitution. It would mandate all public school districts, public schools, and public charter schools to provide one breakfast and one lunch each school day to enrolled students at no cost to the student, parent, or guardians. It would allow nonpublic schools, Bureau of Indian Education schools, and other tribal schools the option to provide the same. It would require the State of North Dakota to reimburse school districts and schools at one hundred percent of the current rates used by the state for free meals, and the rate shall be adjusted annually for inflation. It would require the legislative assembly to identify a source of funds for reimbursement and if a source of funds is unable to be identified, reimbursement funds would be appropriated from the legacy earn-

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an unexpired four-year term in District Court No. 2. Bobbi Weiler is running for District Court No. 6, Bonnie L



ings fund. This amendment would supersede any other part of the constitution that conflicts with it. The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is a \$124.3 million to \$134.3 million increase in ongoing biennial expenditures for the 2027–2029 biennium and will be adjusted for inflation every year after that. Voting “YES” means you approve the measure, voting “NO” means you reject the measure.

State Legislative Races

Morton County residents residing in Legislative Districts 31 and 33 will be voting on who will represent them in the State House and Senate in the upcoming Legislative Session. In District 31 Incumbent Republicans Dawson Holle and Karen Rohr are being challenged by Democrats Tim Spilman and Rissa Williams for the two seats available in the State House. Incumbent Republican Don Schaible is being challenged by Democrat Kelly Spilman for the one State Senate seat available.

In District 33, Republicans Anna Novak and Mike Heger are being challenged by Democrats Kimball Banks

and Stacie Kruckenberg for the two State House seats available. Novak is the only incumbent up for re-election in the house race. Incumbent Republican Keith Boehm is running against Democrat Signe Snortland for the one State Senate seat.

Morton County Races

In Morton County Auditor Dawn R Rhone, Recorder Nancy Seefeldt, Sherriff Kyle L Kirchmeier, State’s Attorney Chase Lingle and Treasurer Kari Hatzenbuehler are all up for re-election. County Commissioners Jackie Buckley and Andrew Zacheier are also up for re-election for the two seats available on the commission. All are running unopposed. Aaron J Steckler is running for Supervisor of the Morton County Soil Conservation District and Kent Belland is running to fill an unexpired two-year term for the same position. Both are running unopposed. The Morton County News

Journal and The Morton County & Mandan News are vying for official County Newspaper.

New Salem-Almont Special Election

The New Salem-Almont School Board will host a special election

alongside the general election on Nov. 3, 2026. The purpose of the special election is to submit the following question to voters in the New Salem/Almont area: Shall the Reorganization Plan of the New Salem-Almont School District be amended as follows? Beginning with the school board election held in June 2027, one (1) school board member position currently designated for the Sims District shall be changed to an at-large position, allowing all qualified electors of the New Salem-Almont School District to vote for and be eligible to serve in that position. The remaining six (6) school board member positions shall continue to be elected from their existing geographic areas according to the current Reorganization Plan and election schedule. Approval of this measure would convert the school board position currently designated for the Sims District into an at-large position beginning in June 2027. All school district voters would vote for that position, and any qualified school district resident could run for election. The other six board positions would remain unchanged.



Mandan Special Elections

Because of two petitions submitted to the City of Mandan, there will be two special elections that will be held after the general election. One special election is about a proposed data center ordinance that would ban any large-

scale data centers over 25 megawatts, and the second special election will fill the vacant Mandan City Commissioner seat left by the passing of Craig Sjoberg.

The data center ordinance special election will be held on December 15, 2026, and the city commissioner special

election will be held on February 16, 2027. The details on both elections will be finalized over the next Mandan City Commission meetings.

These two issues will NOT be on the ballot for the general election.